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Alberta Treasury Board President and Minister of Finance Doug Horner in a photo from earlier this year. Horner delivered the province's second-quarter fiscal update Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



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Horner: Alberta has turned a financial corner

Budget update.

Opposition claims rosy picture is a mirage that sidesteps province's debt

Alberta's budget is doing much better than expected this year, but any gains will be offset by the costs from last summer's catastrophic floods. Finance Minister Doug Horner said Tuesday.

"Alberta has turned a corner despite challenges and because of the new course we set out on Budget 2013," Horner said as he revealed the mid-point update for the current fiscal year.

"The efforts in the first six months of this fiscal year have given us the fiscal and economic strength to manage after the flood."

The year's budget originally forecast a deficit of \$451

million for day-to-day operational spending, but higher than expected oil royalties have morphed that number into a \$1-billion surplus, Horner said.

But the government still expects to be about even at the end of the year due to the millions of dollars needed to help southern Alberta recover from the floods, he said.

The province expects it will have paid about \$1.7 billion when recovery and flood-mitigation efforts are completed years down the road. The federal government will chip in \$2.8 billion under a federal disaster recovery program, but that number is expected to go higher.

Opposition politicians suggested Horner's rosy financial picture is a mirage because he isn't including billions of dollars the government is borrowing to pay for new roads, schools, hospitals and other

Not buying it

"Same old story: record revenue, more debts and more deficits."

Wildrose finance critic Rob Anderson

infrastructure.

The government plans to borrow a total of \$17 billion by 2016.

The opposition said the government is on track to run a consolidated deficit of more than \$2 billion when the borrowing figure is included.

Derek Fildebrandt of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation pegged the deficit at \$2.3 billion.

"That is an improvement over the last two to six months, no doubt, although it rests almost exclusively on higher than expected revenues," said Fildebrandt. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Education

Edmonton Catholic Schools' \$24.1M surplus to be used in local classrooms

Higher than predicted student enrolment at Edmonton Catholic Schools has contributed to a \$24.1-million surplus, which trustees voted Tuesday to invest back in local schools.

The school district had a 5.29 per cent increase in enrolment this September, a jump of 1,881 students from 2012 student numbers. The extra students and a budget surplus will mean more dollars will be put back into the classroom where school officials say it belongs.

"It's site-based but it might mean a teacher, it might mean support staff, it might mean technology, whatever we need to put into the classroom to make (it) the best for the kids that we serve," said Cindy Olsen, school board chair.

Other factors such as tighter budgets at the school level also contributed to the surplus, said the district's chief financial officer (CFO). Some of the dollars have been allocated to local schools, and will be up to the school staff to decide how best it will benefit students.

"The monies that we do show for short-term surpluses are really earmarked for projects in the school, either to improve classroom sizes, how we deliver services," said Barry Devlin, CFO for Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Schools will decide how they will use the dollars on a per-school basis this school year. **STEPHANIE DUBOIS/ METRO**



Campus posters spark debate on privilege

MacEwan University.
Students respond to posters aimed at addressing gender-based violence

There has been mixed reaction from MacEwan University students after a series of posters that focus on the role privilege plays in life have popped up around campus.

The posters, which are part of the U-Solve initiative sponsored by the Sexual Assault Centre Edmonton (SACE) and MacEwan University, question

the importance of white, male, class, able-bodied and straight privilege.

Kelly Thompson, a student at MacEwan University, called the posters interesting and felt that they raised a lot of questions.

"(With) me fitting all five of them, you question yourself," he said. "It makes me feel awkward. It makes me feel really awkward."

Thompson noted he felt like the campaign had started conversation on campus.

"I think it is a great thing they are getting people to ask the question; I just need to look on how to get more information.

I need to figure out how to be more informed."

According to U-Solve coordinator Kim McCall, the purpose of the initiative is to spotlight gender-based violence on campus.

"One of the things that can come up is people don't even see the problem and that is because of the privileges they have been afforded," she said, noting that she has received both positive feedback from students as well as concerns that the posters are biased.

"We invite people to be accountable and be ready to hear they have done something or said something that has perpetuated the -ism," she added.

Campaign

The campaign was launched on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (Nov. 25).

- The posters will run until United Nations Human Rights Day (Dec. 10).
- More information on the campaign can be found online at u-solve.ca.

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U of A group iCare seeing into the future

Suddenly I see. Eye care program grows in Edmonton

A University of Alberta student-led initiative is planning to expand provincially in 2014 after having success in Edmonton.

Providing city students in-

formation on the importance of eye health, iCare wants to implement a screening program for students across Alberta.

"We want to change policy so that these types of screenings by students or ... health-care professionals are happening in all schools, not necessarily the select schools we're able to get to due to our lack of resources," said Eric

Martin, alumni of iCare and recent U of A graduate.

The organization is working on compiling data showing the success of the program in Edmonton to further promote the initiative and hold discussions with provincial officials.

The organization started up in 2010 after Martin and Ravan Bastiampillai — U of A students at the time — felt

there was a need for students to be made aware of eye health.

Through Powerpoint presentations, the group educates students on how to be healthy, and inform people of the free eye exam for those under 19 years old through Alberta Health, something they said can be discussed provincewide.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



A University of Alberta initiative has plans to take eye-care programs provincially. COURTESY OF U OF A FACULTY OF NURSING

Project. Researchers aiming to use eyes in the sky to help life on the ground

An ambitious three-year research project is using eyes in the sky to produce what may be the clearest picture yet of the impact of the energy and forestry industries on threatened wildlife in northern Alberta.

High-resolution satellite images together with information from industry will also yield the first data on what effects snowmobilers and off-roaders are having on caribou, grizzlies and wolves.

"We're going to let the animals tell us when they're no longer disturbed," said biologist Gordon Stenhouse, who's overseeing the research.

Stenhouse and his fellow scientists will start with data from energy and forestry companies that details all their activities, including disturbances such as cutblocks, seismic lines and lease roads. That information will be combined with wildlife tracking information from GPS-fitted collars.

"We have all this incredibly detailed GPS data," Stenhouse said. "We get a reading

Big project

- Research suggests that caribou avoid being within 500 metres of any disturbed area, meaning even a narrow road cuts a one-kilometre swath through the bush.
- The project is being funded for about \$500,000 from industry, government and environmental groups.

from them every hour as to where they are on the landscape."

The problem has been that knowing an animal's location says little about how it's responding to disturbances on the landscape unless it's known what the condition of that landscape was at the time the animals passed through.

"You need to match the forest condition to when the animal was there."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

New report

Edmonton's child poverty rate highest in province

Child poverty rates in Edmonton are being considered as some of the highest in the province, said a new report.

Co-authored by Public Interest Alberta, Edmonton Social Planning Council and the Alberta College of Social Workers, the report found that in 2011 one in 10 children, approximately 84,000, were living in poverty in Alberta.

"In the province of

Alberta, the highest rates of child poverty, even though it does fluctuate from year to year, are within the city of Edmonton," said John Kolkman, research coordinator for Edmonton Social Planning Council.

Kolkman noted in Edmonton one in six children are living in poverty.

"It's partly because we are a little bit of a magnet; particularly we have more recent immigrants in Edmonton who tend to earn lower incomes and tend to live in poverty. We (also) have the highest aboriginal population in the province."

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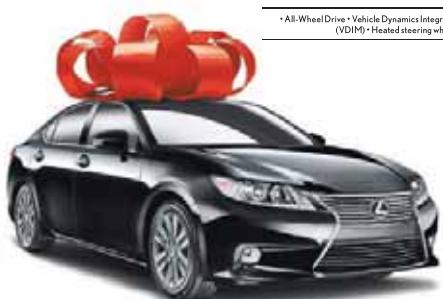


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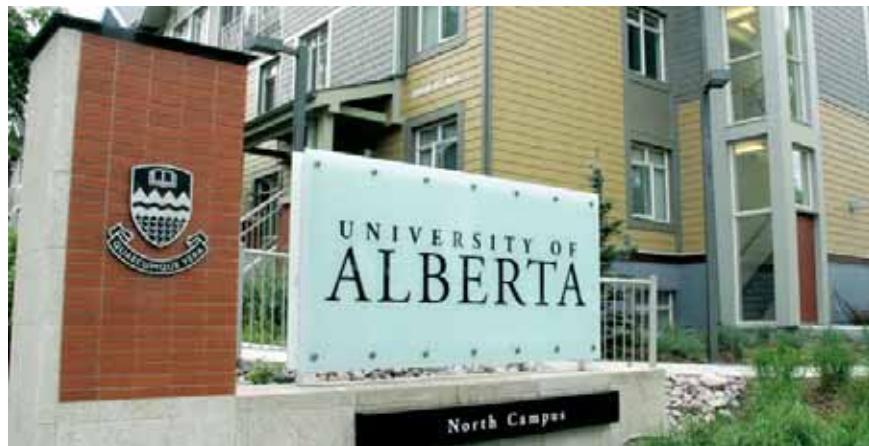
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The University of Alberta appears to be partially stepping back from proposed tuition increases for international graduate students, but will go ahead with it for undergraduates. METRO FILE

U of A backs off part of international student increase

Split decision.

Grad students spared increase, but undergrads still have to pay

The University of Alberta is moving ahead with an increase to international student tuition for undergraduates next year, but is sparing international graduate students.

The university's plan was to increase international student tuition five per cent across the board by increasing the international student differential fee (IDS).

Brent Epperson, president of the Graduate Students' Association, said it still needs to be ratified, but they made the point that raising the fee wouldn't ne-

Leduc

Explosion sends two to hospital

An explosion and fire at an industrial business in Leduc sent two people to hospital Tuesday.

Police were called to Clean Harbours, a business in the Leduc industrial park, at 6 a.m. The RCMP's early investigation reveals a fire at the business resulted in the explosion.

The workers were sent to hospital with severe burns, but they were in stable condition.

Occupational Health and Safety officers are investigating the incident. METRO

Going up

\$934

Kusmu said the minimum amount international student tuition could rise next year would be \$934, with increases as high as \$1,645 also possible.

cessarily save the school money because many departments pay the fee for their students and university administration is ready to change that plan.

"I think when they looked at the fact that increasing the IDS would not have brought in as much money as they expected, some of it might have just been moving money around," he said.

The five per cent increase will still apply to undergradu-

ate international students, which the president of the undergraduate student union says is disappointing.

"We are still having a lot of international undergrad students expressing a lot of outrage," said Petros Kusmu.

Kusmu said increases this year and projected increases next year leave international students feeling like they are not valued members of the community. "They are saying they are being treated like cash cows and with a lot of disre-

spect," he said.

Kusmu said if these increases continue it will hurt the school's reputation.

"I have had international students advise their little siblings not to apply to the U of A," he said. RYAN TUMILLY/METRO WITH FILES FROM LEAH GERMAIN

Body found by fire crews. First-degree murder charge laid in 2012 death

The accused

Gardiner is set to appear before a provincial court judge in B.C. and will then be returned to Edmonton to face charges.

Edmonton police have charged a man in Kelowna, B.C., with first-degree murder in a case from May 2012.

Thaven Philip Gardiner, 38, was arrested in Kelowna with help from local RCMP on Tuesday. He has been charged with first-degree murder and damage by fire in the death of Philipp Jochen Woehrle, 28.

Fire crews were initially called on May 8, 2012, to a residential house fire near 129 Street and 117 Avenue.

After the fire was out,

crews found Woehrle's body inside and the medical examiner later determined he was a homicide victim, though police have not released his cause of death. METRO

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Suspected drone spotted hovering over Hull prison

'Flying object'

No inmates were in courtyard at the time, but jail can't verify whether any contraband fell

 **JOE LOFARO**
Metro in Ottawa

Public-safety officials in Quebec don't know for sure whether it was a bird, a plane or a cape-wearing superhero, but something was in the sky hovering above the Hull jail Sunday morning, and they think it was a drone.

Philippe Desjardins, a spokesperson for the ministère

de la sécurité publique, said a corrections officer saw a round, orange "flying object" about 15 centimetres in diameter in the sky above the prison courtyard at 11:20 a.m. The prison is located at 75 rue St-François, which is approximately five kilometres west of downtown Ottawa.

"The corrections officer found nothing on the ground in the prison," said Desjardins. "We have no evidence that the drone dropped something or crashed in the perimeter of the prison."

He said the jail confirmed that no inmates were in the courtyard at the time, but officials could not verify whether any contraband fell from the object.

The ministry oversees correctional facilities in the prov-

ince of Quebec.

"The corrections officer takes this very seriously because they are afraid that kind of flying object (could have) dropped some kind of drugs or cellphone or something like that," said Desjardins. "They're very aware of different methods to stop these kinds of events."

The jail has closed its investigation, according to the ministry spokesperson.

Worried

"They are afraid that kind of flying object (could have) dropped some kind of drugs."

Philippe Desjardins, spokesperson for the ministère de la sécurité publique, on the corrections officer's fears



Life must go on in battered Philippines

A mother cuddling her baby crosses muddy ground amid devastated buildings around an evacuation centre in the central Philippine province of Leyte on Tuesday. Leyte was right in the destruction path of Super Typhoon Haiyan, which pummeled central Philippines on Nov. 8. BULLIT MARQUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiny drones pose problem

Tiny, camera-equipped drones — some as small as birds or insects — could evade Canadian privacy law as people begin using the increasingly affordable aircraft to spy on others, warns the federal privacy czar.

Model aircraft flown by

hobbyists may be "left entirely unregulated" as the federal government focuses on drones flown for commercial or police purposes, says a new study by the research group of the privacy commissioner's office.

In Canada, unmanned aer-

ial vehicles — or UAVs — are regulated by Transport Canada as aircraft under the Canadian Aviation Regulations. But drones that weigh 35 kilograms or less do not require a special flight certificate when flown for recreational purposes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Climate-change refugee claim denied

New Zealand. Judge rejects Kiribati man's claim that rising sea levels make it too dangerous for family to return to island home

In his decision Tuesday, a New Zealand High Court judge re-

jected Ioane Teitiota's claim that he should be granted refugee status because of climate change, saying Teitiota did not fit the definition of a refugee under international guidelines because he was not being directly persecuted.

Judge John Priestley said if he broadened the definition, millions more people worldwide suffering from natural disasters or warfare would be

eligible to become refugees.

Teitiota and his wife moved to New Zealand from the low-lying Pacific island nation of Kiribati in 2007. He argued that rising sea levels make it too dangerous for him and his family to return there.

Since moving to New Zealand, Teitiota and his wife have had three children. All five are now likely to face

deportation, because citizenship isn't automatically granted by birth in New Zealand.

The judge said Teitiota and his children might have mounted a case to stay on humanitarian grounds had they not overstayed their visas.

"Unfortunately for the applicant, because he has chosen to remain illegally in New Zealand, he is, under

current law, precluded from applying for an immigration permit on humanitarian grounds," he said.

Kiribati, an impoverished string of 33 coral atolls located about halfway between Hawaii and Australia, has about 103,000 people and has been identified by scientists as being among the nations most vulnerable to climate change. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Frightening predictions

A panel of climate scientists recently issued a report predicting oceans could rise by as much as a metre by the end of the century.

- If that were to happen, much of Kiribati would simply disappear.

Into the abyss. Bosnian pond suddenly disappears

The villagers of the remote northwestern Bosnian village of Sanica have been in shock since a pond vanished two weeks ago.

The pond was some 20 metres in diameter and about eight meters deep. Now, the "abyss," as the villagers have dubbed the crater, is some 50 metres wide and 30 metres deep — and growing.

"I sat here only a day before it happened, sipping plum brandy," villager Cemal Hasan said. "And then, there was panic. Fish were jumping out, and a big plum tree was

pulled down like someone yanked it with a hook."

Scientists say it is not uncommon that ponds and small lakes suddenly disappear. They say it could be caused by drying underground water currents or changes in soil drainage due to irrigation.

An alternative spooky explanation: the owner of the pond took it with him when he died about a month ago. "His daughter saw him walk on the lake the night he died," said another villager, Rezak Motanic.

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Fuad Cemal holds up a photo of a pond that disappeared in the village of Sanica, Bosnia. **AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Central Africa

Congo's okapi nearly extinct

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) says the Congo's national symbol, the okapi, is on the brink of extinction.

The IUCN's Red List of endangered species, published Tuesday, says the population of the okapi, also known as the "forest giraffe," has dwindled because of poaching and habitat loss.

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U.K.

Wolves escape from British zoo

Zoo staff have killed three wolves who escaped from their pen at Colchester Zoo in southeastern England.

A fourth wandering wolf was subdued with a tranquilizer dart and recaptured, while a fifth quickly returned to its pen on its own Tuesday.

Officials said they do not know how the fence around the pen became damaged, despite being checked on a daily basis.

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Report: Transport Canada rail oversight lacking in key areas

'Significant weaknesses.' Issues include poorly trained inspectors, lack of route knowledge and absence of followup when problems are found

A rail-safety audit completed just days before the deadly July train crash in Lac-Mégantic, Que., found "significant weaknesses" in Transport Canada's oversight of railways.

Those weaknesses include a lack of knowledge of rail routes used to transport dangerous goods, too few safety auditors, poorly trained inspectors and an absence of followup or sanctions when safety problems are found.

"What we identified was

that there were weaknesses in all aspects of how Transport Canada is overseeing rail safety systems in the (rail) companies," auditor general Michael Ferguson told a news conference Tuesday.

His report found that only 14 safety audits of Canada's 31 federally regulated railways had been completed in the previous three years — just a quarter of the audits Transport Canada had expected to carry out.

Moreover, "the scope of the department's audits is very limited," stated the report.

And eight of those 14 audits focused on just the two largest operators, CN and Canadian Pacific, leaving Canada's smaller operators largely unchecked.

One of those small rail companies was the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic, whose unattended, single-operator train carry-



The centre of Lac-Mégantic, Que., wiped away under a clutter of smouldering tanker cars on July 7. An auditor general report found "significant weaknesses" in Transport Canada's railway oversight. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ing 7.6 million litres of volatile crude oil derailed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic on July 6, killing 47 people.

The auditor general's re-

port, which was wrapped up barely a week before the crash, explicitly states it makes no assessment of the Lac-Mégantic disaster.

However, Ferguson acknowledged Tuesday that the deadliest rail accident in Canadian history highlights the audit's significance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Other report highlights

- The September 2012 recall of seven million kilograms of beef products from XL Foods in Alberta highlighted serious problems at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- The Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP need to tighten border security work and take steps to better measure how effective they are at keeping unauthorized immigrants out.
- The Canada Revenue Agency did a good job of following up on leaked reports of Canadians with offshore accounts in Liechtenstein.

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Prisons too secretive, Smith inquest told

Watchdog needed?

Advocate for prisoners says accountability is necessary to avoid repeat of tragedy

Only an independent, external watchdog can force improvements on a secretive prison system deeply resistant to change, an inquest jury heard Tuesday.

Proper accountability is desperately needed to prevent a recurrence of the Ashley Smith tragedy, a lawyer for a women's prisoner advocacy group told jurors.

In closing submissions, Breese Davies said it would be useless to simply recommend a culture shift at Correctional Service Canada.

"This inquest has taught us the risks of allowing CSC to continue to operate under a cloud of secrecy," Davies said.

Speaking for the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, Davies said.

sieties, Davies said prison authorities need to focus less on security and more on therapy when it comes to mentally ill and chronically self-harming women.

Davies, who joined with Smith's family in urging jurors to return a verdict of homicide in the teen's choking death, said CSC has done little to deal with the issues that led to the tragedy.

"CSC cannot be trusted to fix the problems," she said.

The deeply troubled Smith, 19, strangled herself in her segregation cell in Kitchener, Ont., on Oct. 19, 2007, as guards delayed going in to try to save her.

Davies opposed a finding of suicide or accidental death given evidence the warden had ordered underlings to stay out of Smith's cell as long as the inmate was still breathing.

"The order was a well-researched, meticulously-crafted policy that we now know was a major factor in Ashley's death," Davies said.

Quoted

"They have lost their moral compass. The cloud of secrecy has to be lifted."

Breese Davies, lawyer for the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, on Correctional Service Canada

"It was extreme hesitation that caused her death that day."

An inquest homicide verdict is a neutral finding that does not involve liability or blame but indicates only that a person contributed to a death.

But John McNair, speaking for a psychiatric hospital in St. Thomas, Ont., where Smith spent some time, rejected a homicide verdict.

Smith brought a "terrible compulsion" to self-harm with her into the federal prison system and repeatedly played a game of "Russian roulette" she knew was potentially lethal, McNair said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A unified accounting profession



ALBERTANS: HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF THE DESIGNATED ACCOUNTING PROFESSION

Alberta's Certified General Accountants (CGAs), Certified Management Accountants (CMAs) and Chartered Accountants (CAs) are planning to unify under the banner of a new, pre-eminent designation: the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA).

Unification of the designated accounting profession in Alberta is part of a shift of the profession in every province and territory across Canada to unify under the CPA designation.

Currently, Alberta's designated accounting professions are regulated by the provincial *Regulated Accounting Profession Act (RAPA)*, the purpose of which is to:

- protect the public;
- protect the integrity of the accounting profession;
- promote and increase the competence of registrants; and
- regulate the conduct of registrants.

Achieving unification of the designated accounting profession in Alberta will require new provincial legislation. The profession is proposing new legislation that aligns with the goals and principles of RAPA while also seeking to strengthen and clarify elements of the current legislation. Alberta's designated accountants have therefore approached the Government of Alberta to seek that required legislation.

All Albertans are invited to learn more about the unification project and the proposed legislation, and to provide their feedback.

Visit our website at www.albertaaccountants.org to find out about unification in Alberta and what the profession seeks in new legislation. And then, tell us what you think by filling out the questionnaire on the website. Feedback, thoughts and questions may be sent by email to: publicfeedback@albertaaccountants.org

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Drug-cartel's teen killer back in the U.S.



Mexican soldiers present convicted murderer Edgar Jimenez Lugo to the media in the city of Cuernavaca, Mexico, on Dec. 3, 2010. ANTONIO SIERRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crime. 17-year-old released from prison after serving time for committing murders for Mexican cartel

After finishing the maximum sentence for a juvenile in Morelos, Mexico, Edgar Jimenez

Lugo, a U.S. citizen, has returned to the United States.

The interior secretary of southern Morelos state, Jorge Messeguer, said Jimenez went to San Antonio, Texas, where he has family and will apparently go to a residential support facility there.

The U.S. embassy said in a statement that it was "closely co-ordinating with our Mexican counterparts and appropri-

ate authorities in the United States" regarding the release.

In 2011, at age 14, Jimenez confessed to killing four people whose beheaded bodies were found suspended from a bridge.

He was born in San Diego, California, but was raised in Mexico by his grandmother.

Authorities quoted Jimenez as saying he had been forcibly recruited by drug traffickers

when he was 11 and confessed to working for the South Pacific drug cartel, led by reputed drug lord Hector Beltran Leyva.

Jimenez was trying to return to the United States when he was caught in 2010. When he was handed over to federal prosecutors, the boy calmly said that he participated in four killings while drugged and under threat.

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Las Vegas

Police dress as turkeys to squawk at bad drivers

Officers dressed in Thanksgiving bird finery walked across the road Tuesday as part of a sting operation in Las Vegas.

It's the fifth annual appearance of the safety mascot dubbed "Butterball One."

Police waiting to the sides of the crosswalks slapped drivers who didn't stop with fines starting at \$191.

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Ontario

Man fined more than \$50K for animal cruelty

A Tecumseh, Ont., man has been fined in connection with what the Windsor-Essex County Humane Society calls the "largest farm-animal cruelty case in years."

John Holland pleaded guilty to four out of eight animal-cruelty charges relating to more than a dozen dead animals and some malnourished horses that were found at a farm last summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Afghans register for 2014 election

Abdullah Taf, 20, has his picture taken to register for the upcoming Afghan elections in a mosque, used as a mobile voter registration booth in Kabul, Afghanistan. As international troops leave and insurgency persists, Afghans worry they will see the same alleged voting fraud that tainted the last presidential elections, in 2009. ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rogers shoots, scores with \$5.2B NHL multimedia deal

12-year term.

Historic pact will diminish CBC's role in HNIC

Canada's hockey TV landscape underwent a seismic shift Tuesday as Rogers Communications wrested control of NHL multimedia rights with a blockbuster 12-year, \$5.2-billion agreement that will preserve Hockey Night in Canada but limit CBC's role in the iconic broadcast.

The deal, the largest in NHL history, gives Rogers national rights to all NHL games, including the playoffs and Stanley Cup final, on all its platforms in all languages.

"It will be the NHL like never before," Rogers Media president Keith Pelley promised at a packed news conference Tuesday, touting a

Knew when to fold 'em

The CBC "was not in a position to spend taxpayers money on this game of high stakes."

CBC president Hubert Lacroix on the NHL's high financial expectations, which he said the national broadcaster couldn't meet

"transformational day" for the industry, as well as Rogers' position as a sports broadcasting titan.

A sub-licensing agreement with CBC allows the public broadcaster to continue airing Hockey Night in Canada on Saturday nights for four years, while TVA in Quebec earned all of the Canadian French-language multimedia rights.

But the Rogers coup includes rights to the venerable Hockey Night in Canada brand, allowing Rogers to air



The triumphant trio, in colour-coordinated duds: Rogers president and CEO Nadir Mohamed, centre, with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, left, and Keith Pelley, president of Rogers Media, at a news conference on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the weekly staple across all its platforms, including City and Sportsnet.

"Sometimes it's almost

surreal — acquiring the most coveted content in all of Canada, and there is nothing even close, which is the national

rights to Hockey Night in Canada," Pelley told reporters after the news conference.

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Nuclear waste. Company town backs Bruce Power

Ordinarily, a proposal to bury radioactive waste in a scenic area would inspire "not in my backyard" (NIMBY) protests from local residents.

But conventional wisdom has been turned on its head in southwestern Ontario, where Bruce Power wants to entomb waste from its nuclear plants 680 metres below the surface near Lake Huron.

Some of the strongest support comes from Kincardine, Ont., an area near the would-be



Lake Huron just beyond a fence enclosing a section of the Bruce Power nuclear complex. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

disposal site. Nuclear is a way of life here, and many residents have jobs connected to the industry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

159 members

Diplomats fail to reach global trade deal: WTO chief

Negotiators have failed to craft the first global trade deal in more than a decade, which could have given the world economy a \$1-trillion boost, the director-general of the World Trade Organization said. Diplomats from the WTO's 159 members tried ahead of a summit where ministers were to have signed the deal next week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Study. Social media gurus going the way of the dodo

Jobs for tech-savvy social media experts will be obsolete in 10 years, according to a new study released Tuesday by online employment site Workopolis.

The study predicts that social media experts will be a victim of advancing technology.

That's because today's youth are already immersed in social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook.

"People will need to be even more literate with social media just to get in the door and it

The good ol' hockey deal

The new deal is raising questions about the future of CBC's talent, especially Don Cherry. Rogers president Keith Pelley said it was too soon to answer those questions.

- It appears TSN is also on the outside looking in. The NHL's news release early Tuesday made no mention of the all-sports network, which currently airs a package of regular-season and playoff games.
- Bell Media vice-president of communications Scott Henderson said TSN would have 10 Leafs games next season under a regional agreement and that, starting in 2015, the network would have 26 regional Leafs games.
- The deal could put the iconic Hockey Night in Canada theme song in limbo. TSN has owned the rights to the jingle since 2008 after CBC was unable to negotiate a new agreement with the song's composer.

Random biz fact of the day

97%

97 per cent of recruiters use LinkedIn, 51 per cent use Facebook, and 49 per cent use Twitter. WORKOPOLIS

will no longer be something that absolutely differentiates folks," said a vice-president at Workopolis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Relationships

Temp work, temp love

With no job security or benefits and fluctuating schedules, temporary employment is affecting personal relationships.

A study by United Way Toronto and McMaster University found those doing precarious work — including contract, temporary and casual workers — are more likely to be single.

Among those aged 25 to 34, 31 per cent with secure employment are single, compared to 54 per cent with precarious jobs.

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I stayed for a while at Chantelle's, but declined her vodka as I still had to drive — to the oil refinery to meet with Kyle who answered a meet-for-coffee text with: Blue gate, refinery north road, 7:45 look for billboard with photo of happy mallard duck family.

Indeed I found the Duck Family portrait with the banner caption, Always Putting the Environment First. It stood in front of a crude-oil cracking facility straight out of a sci-fi film where mutants on a slave planet convert poor people into snacks for the master species.

"Isn't this place great?" asked Kyle, coming in from the parking lot and wearing his still brand-new journeyman's outfit. "I start on the eight o'clock night shift. I'm totally stoked."

"Kyle, this place is freaky, and who knows what toxins there are in there."

"Shannon, for a guy with no degree, this is a good foot in the door, and if I play my cards right I can be a supervisor in a few years."

My heart felt like one of those little ducklings onto which a massive Acme cartoon anvil has fallen from a mile up. "Where's Mr. Burns' office?"

"Admin's about a mile that-away. Why are you so bummed out? I've got a real grown-up-job job. You should be happy for me."

I was silent.

"And look, I can maybe go

work in Libya or Abu Dhabi and make crazy money. That's where the action is. Six months in the Emirates — business class ticket each way — live in a walled compound with satellite TV and well-stocked fridges — the sky's the limit."

I sighed.

"You're always looking for fun facts. Did you know that one barrel of oil — 42 gallons — yields 44 gallons of petroleum products?"

"I didn't."

"It's because when crude oil is converted, it increases in volume. Roughly half of each barrel of crude oil is turned into gasoline for transportation."

When did Kyle drink the "New Kyle" Kool-Aid? I

"Shannon, for a guy with no degree, this is a good foot in the door, and if I play my cards right I can be a supervisor in a few years."

never saw this coming.

He asked, "Shannon, why did you want to see me, anyway? Trying to get me involved in your evil plot with the Chinese?"

"As a matter of fact, yes."

"I don't think I'm the espionage type."

"It's not espionage."

"Look, now's not the time for this. I'm going to be late on my first day if I don't get in right now." He started edging backwards toward the entryway. "Besides, this is where I'm at in my life right now. I'm an oil guy."

"Promise me you'll call if you change your mind?"

Random fact of the day

Dolly Parton once anonymously entered a "Dolly Parton look-alike contest" but lost to a drag queen.

SOURCE: WTFUNFACT.COM

Gotta go, Shannon. Bye."

I waved goodbye and got back into Danimal's BMW. I turned on the radio where *Dust in the Wind* by Kansas was playing and promptly began bawling.

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Random biz fact of the day

72%

A majority of job seekers says it's important that a company offers flexible schedules when they are deciding whether to take a position.

SOURCE: CAREERBUILDER

The clock is ticking



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TEMP is... well, temporary

Douglas Coupland's 20-day novella is a pop-up project and will disappear from our website this Monday at 12:01 a.m. EST. If you've missed an instalment, there are still five days to catch up at temp.metronews.ca — before it disappears. METRO

SURVIVAL IS MEDIUM-RARE

If you're an animal, you must be confused.

Take this new survey from Insights West in Vancouver, which shows that 88 per cent of British Columbians oppose trophy hunting.

That's the good news. The bad news is that almost the same number—85 per cent—think it's OK to eat you.

Even more confusing, 73 per cent think it's OK to hunt animals for food.

If you could speak human, you'd probably point out that it doesn't really matter if you end up over someone's mantel or on the dinner table.

Either way, you're just as dead.

Then of course you might be a dog or a cat, a beneficiary of the \$6.5 billion Canadians spend annually on their pets. Still, there's a risk you might end up in an animal shelter, where more than 51,000 cats, dogs and "others" are euthanized annually in Canada.

Be thankful you're not a pet turkey, especially around this



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan

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time of year. You could get really confused and dead.

You also might want to avoid being a lab rat. As many as 80 million rats and mice are used for research each year, and guess what happens when you're finished serving medical science.

Yup, you're dead.

If you're looking for some evidence that attitudes are changing for the better, wag your tail. Not only do people oppose trophy hunting, only 15 per cent are in favour of killing animals for their fur. Good news if you're a beaver, though it might mean you're more likely to be sheared alive.

The Insights West survey also says that only 38 per cent are in favour of using animals in rodeos, which means you're less likely to get rope burn, spur sores and any of the other hazards that make the West Wild.

And only 56 per cent think you should be caged in a zoo,

where you're expected to spend the rest of your life wearing out a concrete trough from padding back and forth, mooching for peanuts.

So if you can get over the fact that 85 per cent want you for dinner, you might think things are looking up. Especially if you're not a member of the 21,286 species threatened with extinction, according to the 49th annual Red List, a census of the world's animals maintained by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, updated just this week. And if you're a Hawaiian Crow or Wyoming Toad, you probably don't mind living at the zoo, because your species is among the 61 extinct in the wild.

Of course, if you're a member of one of the 799 completely extinct species, you're dead.

Probably the best kind of animal you can be is a big nasty critter at the top of the food chain in an inhospitable region of the world where people don't like to go—like a polar bear in the Arctic.

On second thought, if global warming keeps up, there won't be any Arctic. And you know what that means.

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Last week, AOL announced it was shutting down Winamp, one of the oldest, most venerable digital music players. Dating back to the days of Napster, Winamp was a favourite among music lovers who wanted something different than stock programs like iTunes and Windows Media Player. Sadly, the application will no longer be available for download as of Dec. 20. Fortunately, there are some free alternatives out there for those who don't need a Genius to tell them what to listen to.



CONTRIBUTED

Foobar2000
(foobar2000.org):

Offering a simple, yet powerful interface, Foobar2000 isn't a drag on your computer's resources like iTunes is. It plays almost every audio file type imaginable and lets users tag their own music metadata.

VLC Media Player
(videolan.org):

Arguably the most popular open

source media player on the market, VLC is a capable replacement. As a bonus, it's available on Windows, Mac, iOS, Android and Linux, so it meets the definition of "cross-platform."

AIMP (aimp2.us):

If you just can't let Winamp go, try this clone. AIMP's interface is almost identical to Winamp's, right down to the 18-channel equalizer and modular windows.

Twitter



Don Cherry? Bc then I'm all for it.

@scottmahoney94: yay monopoly

@bonnaventure: replace Don Cherry with an upturned mop w/ bucket for head. Replace Ron MacLean with Stuart McLean. Add @strombo 4 some reason less hockey, more 'who wore it best' segments.

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ZOOM

Sometimes the dentist is a zoo



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Aurora the polar bear goes under

Talk about a risky procedure. On Tuesday morning veterinarians at the Assiniboine Park Zoo's animal hospital performed dental surgery on Aurora, the 11-month-old female cub who recently arrived at the zoo from Churchill, Man.

Thankfully Aurora was

anesthetized for the work, which Dr. Chris Enright, who heads up veterinarian services at the zoo, said isn't too different than what people get done at the dentist.

The zoo said during the procedure, veterinary staff removed two of the polar bear's baby teeth and one adult tooth that were broken and infected.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO WINNIPEG

Rarrrhhh!

"Right now she's only about 110 pounds ... but she still has the attitude of a 600-pound predator. So it's certainly not safe to just ask her to open her mouth."

Dr. Chris Enright
Head of veterinarian services
Assiniboine Park Zoo

Friends at the zoo

- Aurora was brought to the zoo about a month ago.
- There are three other bears: Hudson (the oldest, and from the Toronto Zoo), Storm and another 11-month-old female who was named Kaska on Monday.



The success beneath the beard

Television. Exploring the hairy truth behind the smash hit Duck Dynasty and their colourful cast of redneck characters

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Reality TV has certainly gotten hairier in recent years. Remember the clean-shaven landscape of the first decade of the 2000s when cheeks were bare and exfoliated, and on top coifs were as mussed over as Ryan Seacrest's frosty tips?

The rose-toting bachelors, catwalk strutting top models, and silicone enhanced housewives who defined that era are still with us, but the idle life of mansion hopping, wine guzzling and recreational crisis-provoking that their ilk hawks has been eclipsed by a feral five o'clock shadow.

Reality that captures the current zeitgeist tends to aim its muzzle at a motley crew of outdoorsy folks who buck fashion trends and look more hobo than Hollywood.

Duck Commander founder Phil Robertson was a QB1 ahead of future hall-of-famer Terry Bradshaw at Louisiana Tech in the mid-1960s before giving up the gridiron for the duck blind.

Along with his kooky brother Si, boudin-cooking wife Miss Kay, business-savvy son Willie and the rest of the



Duck Dynasty's success has led to an number of backwater reality TV imitators. ZACH DILGARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

loveable Robertson clan, the Duck Dynasty family are the undisputed lords of the backwoods boob tube explosion that has given us hooch making Moonshiners, wild boar hunting American Hoggers, and gator wrestling Swamp People.

The bodacious Bayou beards sported by the world's favourite duck calling sons have sold umpteen books, bobbleheads, school supplies, garden gnomes, and even

Chia pets.

Their squirrel eating comedic gold melds the best parts of The Beverly Hillbillies and The Waltons with a dash of Dukes of Hazzard camp thrown in to create A&E's most successful show ever — a cable goliath aired in more than 100 countries.

The finale of Duck Dynasty's third season drew 9.6 million viewers and trounced Fox's American Idol and CBS's Survivor in the coveted

18-49 demo.

Those heavy hitters of yesteryear couldn't reach the bottom wisps of the wizened beard of the Redneck Gandalf, Phil Robertson.

Then season four's premiere blew their already boffo numbers out of the water with a record setting 11.8 million tuning in for a quacking good time.

A Reddit thread dedicated to pondering the secret of this band of bushy-faced

Reading the beards

The Duck Dynasty crew's beards are furry manifestations of the men lurking beneath them. Pogonologist Dr. Allan Peterkin reads the Robertson kin's face follicles to determine the beard statement the men are making.

- Si. "Substance over style."
- Patriarch Phil. "Longer is wiser."
- CEO Willie. "Seems gentle, poetic, approachable."

brothers' rampant popularity dwells on all sorts of cockamamie theories.

But in the end, they stand apart from their Lifestyles of the Redneck & Famous television brethren because of their cartoonish whiskers which tots will be wearing reasonable facsimiles of when they come knocking on your door for many Halloweens to come.

"They have a wild man, nature-loving, anti-authority quality that really stands out," weighs in Dr. Allan Peterkin, the author of One Thousand Beards: A Cultural History of Facial Hair, and grooming consultant for Dove's Men+Care face range.

"Their beards are an unforgettable part of their philosophy, brand, and trademark," says Peterkin.



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Elizabeth Olsen and Josh Brolin in *Oldboy*. CONTRIBUTED

Hollywood keeps looking to Asia for, um, inspiration

Remakes or ripoffs?

From Godzilla to classic Westerns, U.S. studios know they can find fodder in the East



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Everyone knows Godzilla was a superstar in Japan long before he went Hollywood and started stomping American landmarks into matchsticks. Despite making his debut in 1954, the King of the Monsters had to wait until 1998's Roland Emmerich film *Godzilla* to be fully reimagined by an American studio.

So you knew of *Godzilla*'s roots, but did you also know *The Magnificent Seven* and *A Fistful of Dollars* were remakes of Asian films?

Add to that list this weekend's *Oldboy*, a Spike Lee re-creation of a violent Chan-wook Park film. Josh Brolin plays a man searching for answers as to why he was kid-

napped and held in solitary confinement for twenty years.

Spike Lee says the original director only offered up one piece of advice. "Josh went to Park and asked for his blessing," he told MTV. "Park gave it, and the one thing he said to Josh — which Josh related to me — was, 'Make a different film; don't do the same thing I did.' (So) that's the way we did it."

Hollywood has looked to Asia for inspiration for years.

Akira Kurosawa's films provided fodder for two redone classics. The epic *Seven Samurai* became the gunfighter flick *The Magnificent Seven* and the director's *Yojimbo* provided the backbone for *A Fistful of Dollars*, starring Clint Eastwood.

Once again Old West gunfighters subbed for samurai but the premise of one man playing rivals off one another remains. Since the movie was an unofficial remake Kurosawa sued, won and later bragged he made more money off of *Fistful of Dollars* than *Yojimbo*.

At the turn of the millennium Japanese movies like *Ringu*, *Ju-on* and *Geoul Sokeuro* helped reinvent Hollywood horror.

Unlikely hit

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Hollywood has often looked to Asia for inspiration, but sometimes it has worked the other way round.

Saidowei zu is a Japanese version of the wine-soaked romantic dramedy *Sideways*, director Toshikazu Nagae put his own spin on *Paranormal Activity 2: Tokyo Night*, and *A Woman, a Gun and a Noodle Shop* transports *Blood Simple*'s action from 1980s Texas to 19th century China.



Taylor Swift.

If I don't see you, you're not really there

Well, this must have been awkward. Taylor Swift had a pair of run-ins with ex-boyfriend Harry Styles at the American Music Awards and reportedly made a conscious effort to avoid making eye contact with him, according to Us Weekly. Sources say that twice

Swift crossed paths with the boys from One Direction and kept her laser gaze forward, refusing to acknowledge their presence.

Styles and his bandmates, by contrast, gave Swift a standing ovation when she won for Best Female Country Artist.



Megan Fox.

Fox not resenting her baby this time around

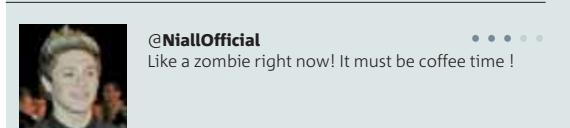
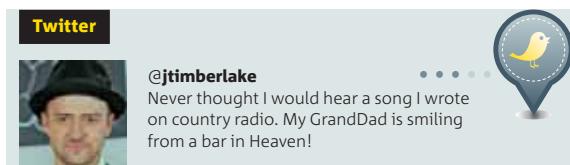
Megan Fox is totally digging being pregnant the second time around.

"For the most part, I would say it's been a lot easier," she tells E! News recently.

"I think that could have a lot to do with the fact that I

already have a baby, so I'm so distracted taking care of him that I don't really have time to sit and lament on the fact that I'm pregnant or indulge my pregnancy."

Fox and husband Brian Austin Green welcomed her son, Noah, 14 months ago.



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Sorry Brad, there will be no private island for you

Angelina Jolie surely plans to do something special for Brad Pitt's 50th birthday next month, but that something special apparently doesn't involve buying him an island.

The NY Daily News had reported that Jolie laid out \$20 million for an 11-

acre, heart-shaped private island on New York's Lake Mahopac, but the owners of the property, named Petra Island, tell E! News that it's still for sale.

"We are open to show Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt the island, but they have to have lunch at my café first," says Donna Massaro, daughter of the island's owners.

The island would be of particular interest to Pitt since the two houses on it were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, one of his favourite architects.



Farrah Fawcett. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Do you want to own a part of Farrah Fawcett?

Farrah Fawcett's nephew Gregory Walls inherited much of the late actress' personal items, and now he's apparently looking to get rid of some of them.

Walls listed 67 of Fawcett's items — including her People's Choice Award and her driver's licence — with a Dallas-based auction house, according to Radar Online. Walls insists he's unloading the goods for the sake of her

fans, writing in the auction catalogue that he decided to list the items after reading thousands of cards and letters they'd sent her.

"It was at that moment that I felt that I would do my best to give her fans a chance to possess some of the things that were special and dear to Farrah."

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North Carolina. Follow in the footsteps of some of your favourite tributes by visiting the sites from the Hunger Games film

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Hit the trails in Dupont State Recreational Forest (about an hour's drive from Asheville) where you'll discover some of the most iconic scenes from the first film. Pick up a trip planner at the Asheville Visitors Center or use the interactive online map (exploreasheville.com) to organize day trips out of Asheville.

A few points of interest in Dupont: hike to Triple Falls (from the main parking lot) to see where Katniss discovers a wounded Peeta. Or head to the scenic Bridal Veil Falls, where Katniss flees from the firestorm. (Note: The waterfalls were edited out of the film, since the tributes were always on the hunt for water.)



Recognize this waterfall? It's where Katniss hid Peeta during the Hunger Games. PHOTOS: VAWN HIMMELSBACH

If you're interested in behind-the-scenes scoop, it's well worth going on a Hunger Games Unofficial Fan Tour, where your guide will take you to locations used in the first film — locations that would be near impossible to find on your own. You'll also learn archery, sling shot and special-effects camouflage, and eat lunch featuring foods that your favourite tributes would have eaten. Day tours run from April to October and cost \$59 US; visit hungergamesunofficialfantours.com for more info.

You can also visit Henry River Mill Village, the location for District 12. Because of vandalism, this abandoned mill town

about an hour east of Asheville is closed to the public, but you can take a Hunger Games Unofficial Fan Tour for \$50 US. Or, head to Chimney Rock Park for short hikes and rock climbs (also the filming location of The Last of the Mohicans).

Where to stay:

Spend the night at Hotel Indigo, where Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth stayed during the shoot. This boutique hotel has a contemporary vibe, with unique local touches such as wall murals in each room of nature scenes taken by a local photographer.

Until March 31, Hotel Indigo



Metro's intrepid travel writer Vawn Himmelsbach channels her inner Katniss Everdeen during an archery lesson in North Carolina.

Real or not real?

is offering a Hunger Games package, which includes two nights accommodation, a \$15-per-person gift card for lunch at Early Girl Eatery, chocolate chip cookies in your room (Jennifer and Josh's favourite), as well as local Hunger Games trivia. Prices begin at \$290 US; email snewton@lhihotels.com for more info.

What to do:

Head to Lexington Avenue Brewery for brisket mac 'n cheese or mountain trout tacos. Alternatively, go to the Laughing Seed Café, where vegan Woody Harrelson went for vegetarian fare. Then head to The Southern for a vanilla bourbon mint julep on the patio.

To get your heart racing, check out Nantahala Outdoor Center for whitewater rafting and zip line tours.

Hunger Games Unofficial Fan Tours will be offering guided tours behind the making of Catching Fire in Atlanta, Ga. You'll visit film locations via private shuttle, learn archery, play archery tag and make your own volcanic rock. Tours start Dec. 14, running through 2014 (\$94 US). For die-hard fans take a full weekend, which includes themed accommodations and food, survival training, banquet and game simulation (beginning April 2014 for \$599 US).

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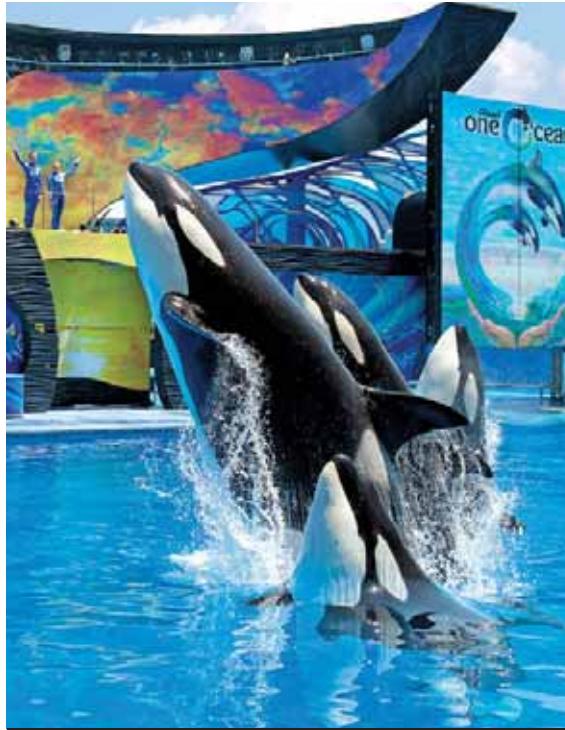
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How to stretch your teaching degree far beyond the desks and dictation

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Even if you find a career path you love, it's always a good idea to be aware of industries and roles that match your skills and experience. This is particularly true of teaching, which some individuals explore and discover isn't for them — while others have trouble landing a teaching job in the first place.

How do you find a career outside the classroom when all of your education and work experience have taken place inside those four cozy walls? Also, how do you repurpose an education degree on paper to convince an employer that you're qualified to pursue a different calling?

Most of all, can you find a job that will rival the joy and passion you have for educating and inspiring young minds?

Yes. Here's how.

Discover your core values

Leaving a field for which you've spent years training is unnerving. It can lead to questioning long-cherished goals in both your personal and professional life.

This may sound a little horrible, and ridden with a whole new set of crises, but it's actually the best way forward.

Michelle Dunn, a career coach and former teacher, says that any major career shift needs to be preceded by a genuine reflection about one's core strengths



If handling a hoard of pupils isn't quite the job you'd imagined, there are plenty of other paths to pursue. iSTOCK

and values. "The next thing that happens to pop up may not be the best thing," she cautions.

"When career coaching, we start with who the person is, what's important to them and their strengths. Getting really clear about those things will help you leverage your skills to turn to something else."

Identify your transferrable skills

Identifying those skills can be difficult coming from a field defined so much by what seems like just one duty: teach stuff. But teachers employ a mass of skills getting a class of 14-year-

olds ready to sit down and write an essay on Romeo and Juliet, urbanization or the electoral process.

Teachers research, transfer knowledge, manage diverse groups of individuals, learn new software, evaluate performance, participate in professional development activities, facilitate, work independently and exercise authority.

They also engage in public speaking, presenting complex topics to rowdy audiences!

When writing a cover letter or resumé, the trick, as always, is to disassociate the tasks from the setting. The setting will change, but the

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"If you can maintain discipline and leadership in a classroom of 30 kids, you can definitely do that in an organization."

Michelle Dunn
Career coach and former teacher

tasks essentially remain the same. As Michelle points out: "If you can maintain discipline and leadership in a classroom of 30 kids, you can definitely do that in an organization."

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A successful switch

Fifteen years ago, Cam McRae left an established teaching career in Vancouver to start an e-magazine for mountain biking in the North Shore area.

- It was a bold move for someone who didn't know much about creating websites or managing a business. But he had just returned from a year of teaching (and riding) in Italy, which gave him a new perspective on what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.
- His website, NSMB.com, now boasts a sizeable following and several

heavyweight sponsors in the outdoor industry. He still holds on to his teaching credentials, just in case, but he doesn't regret his career move.

- His advice for current teachers considering a similar 180?: "It depends on your employment and family responsibilities. But generally my advice is to go for it; we regret more what we don't do than what we do. Also, the flexibility of teaching — summers, holidays — can allow you to start developing your new interest on the side at first. So take advantage of that."

Consider the "helping professions"

Of course, the easiest transition occurs when your skills transfer so naturally it doesn't seem like a daunting change at all.

For teachers, a natural transition is into what Michelle calls "helping professions": training, coaching or advising roles, either within the education sector, but outside the classroom, or in a department with a strong people-focused mandate, like human resources.

Michelle has led plenty of workshops for teachers moving into these fields. She says it's a natural transition since "they want to help people and see them reach their potential," and that's what they're already adept at.

In her own case, Michelle moved into career coaching after teaching abroad for four years and raising two children.

It offered a way to build naturally on her interests in counseling and psychology — part of her B.A. work

— and "still do what I loved and knew how to do."

Embrace entrepreneurship

Finally, there's a strong case to be made for the unknown — following that other passion and seeing where it leads.

This may involve obtaining new credentials along the way, but it can also be done by drawing on the extraordinary work ethic and nerve honed in the classroom.

Contrary to the popular belief that says teachers can't cut it in the cruel world of business, Michelle argues that teachers are native entrepreneurs. They have intuition, drive, excellent people skills and loads of self-direction. These are the skills needed to start something new and develop it into a sustainable livelihood.

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Sometimes a boost can be just what you need to jump start your career and finding a mentor might be the way to do just that.

The mentor-mentee relationship is a precious one. The mentor can coach their mentee in their chosen field and open up a whole variety of opportunities to them, while the mentee keeps their teacher abreast of current feelings and developments of the age group in that industry.

After you've decided what you might look for in a mentor (think: someone you like who works in your field of interest and, as an added bonus, has a strong network within the industry), try to brainstorm where you could meet said person. Here are some to start you off:

Where to meet a mentor

Networking events

Signing up for networking events can be a really great way to meet potential mentors and it's a useful strategy to get your foot in the door of your industry of interest.

School



Asking someone to be your mentor may overwhelm them, as they won't know what that entails. Start with simply asking someone you respect for advice. iSTOCK

Universities or colleges often employ industry professionals to teach classes and making use of these connections to the outside world can provide you with a mentor that understands the culture of the classroom and of the workplace.

Social media

Do you have a blog or Twitter account that you love to follow? If someone is posting things that are both interesting and relevant to your chosen field, they probably have other information that they'd love to share with you!

What to do once you've met a potential mentor

Ask for advice, not mentorship

Hatch your relationship by asking your potential mentor for advice about something, instead of making the overly formal request of "Will you be my mentor?" With any luck, your relationship will blossom

from there.

Stay in touch

Once you've met your mentor, hopefully you will have had the chance to get their contact details.

Send them an email saying how great it was to meet them and recall an interesting part of your conversation to signal to them that you were listening and you were engaged with what they were saying.

Ask them questions, but don't bombard them

A good mentor does want to help you, but don't take advantage of their good nature.

Chances are, they are very busy and don't have a whole lot of time to reply to inquiries. Don't ask them huge numbers of questions all at once and try to keep these questions as succinct as possible.

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This creamy, rich-tasting soup is very nutritious. I like to serve it garnished with reduced-fat sour cream, diced plum tomatoes or a sprinkle of shredded cheddar cheese.

1. Spray a nonstick saucepan with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Cook the onion, carrot and garlic, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes or until softened.

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped carrot
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- one 19 oz can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 1/2 cups low-sodium

2. Set aside 1/2 cup of the black beans. Add the remaining beans, stock, sugar and cumin to the vegetable mixture. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium low. Cover and cook for 15 minutes or until the carrots are tender.

3. Purée soup in blender or food processor, working in batches. Return to saucepan. Stir in reserved beans.

4. Ladle the soup into individual bowls and garnish with cilantro and avocado and sour cream. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY: ROSE REISMAN**



This recipe serves four. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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Comfort food Scottish style

Mince and Tatties, Scottish for ground beef and potatoes, holds a special place in chef Lynn Crawford's heart.

Her parents moved to Canada from Scotland and brought with them this simple but amazingly delicious dish, which she says continues to be one of her favourites.

She shares the recipe in her new book, *At Home With Lynn Crawford*.

Whipped Potatoes

1. Place potatoes in a pot of cold salted water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until fork-tender, about 20 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in large saucepan over medium heat, heat cream, milk and butter until butter has melted. Keep warm.

3. Drain potatoes well, then force through a ricer into warm cream mixture. Stir to combine, then season with salt and pepper.

Mince and Tatties

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add beef and cook, stirring frequently and breaking meat down with back of a wooden spoon, until no pink remains,



This recipe serves four. KATHLEEN FINLAY

about 5 minutes.

2. Add butter and onions and cook, stirring frequently, until browned, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle flour over mixture and cook, stirring constantly, until well incorporated, about 2 minutes more.

3. Gradually stir in stock and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until gravy has thickened slightly, about 20 minutes.

4. Add carrots and cook until tender, about 10 minutes.

Stir in peas and cook until heated through, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve spooned over hot whipped potatoes.

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Ingredients

Whipped Potatoes

- 1 kg (2 lb) russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) heavy (35 per cent) cream
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) milk
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) unsalted butter
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Mince and Tatties

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 500 g (1 lb) lean ground beef
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely chopped onions
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) all-purpose flour
- 750 ml (3 cups) beef stock
- 10 ml (2 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced carrots
- 250 ml (1 cup) frozen peas
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 l (4 cups) hot Whipped Potatoes

Lunch. Grilled Cheese and Asparagus Rolls



The sharp cold-pack cheddar required for this recipe can be found alongside other packaged cheeses in the dairy section of the supermarket.

1. Preheat contact grill. (If your contact grill has more than one temperature setting, set it to high.)

2. Slice rolls in half and place, cut side down, on grill. With lid open, grill for 1 minute.

3. Evenly divide cheese, asparagus and red pepper among rolls to make 4 sandwiches. Sprinkle with pepper, if using.

4. Spread 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of butter on the outside of each roll. Be sure to butter both sides.

5. Place sandwiches on grill and close tightly. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown and crisp. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ 125 BEST INDOOR GRILL RECIPES BY ILANA SIMON (ROBERT ROSE INC., ROBERTROSE. CA, 2013).**

Ingredients

- 4 kaiser rolls
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated sharp cold-pack cheddar cheese
- 8 spears asparagus, trimmed and steamed
- 1/4 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- Freshly ground black pepper (optional)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) butter, room temperature, divided

NBA

\$48M from Lakers 'easy to accept,' Bryant says

Wearing his practice shorts and a sweatshirt, Kobe Bryant looked as if he was ready to return to action.

After the Los Angeles Lakers signed the fourth-leading scorer in NBA history to a two-year, \$48-million contract extension, Bryant said he can't wait to play.

"The Lakers came up with the structure — a system and a plan they thought was a win-win for everybody involved. From my perspective, it was very easy to accept it," Bryant said.

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NHL

Stars finally give fans a win in Dallas

Cody Eakin, Stephane Robidas and Ryan Garbutt scored in a 53-second span of the third period, and the Dallas Stars beat the Pacific Division leading Anaheim Ducks 6-3 on Tuesday night for their first home win in more than month.

The Stars trailed 2-1 before the three-goal flurry against Jonas Hiller. Antoine Roussel scored twice for Dallas, and Alex Chiasson added an empty-net goal in the final minute.

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Jordan Eberle's trajectory as a point-per-game producer might be on the down swing, but the 23-year-old is establishing himself as one of the more responsible forwards on an Oilers club in defensive disarray. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Eberle embedded as a two-way player



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Eberle ebbed

"For the time being, it appears as though Eberle's production will be in the high 60s in any given year, barring missed time."

gold over Sweden.

At the NHL level, he hasn't had such a grand stage to show off his talents, but the results have been solid for the youngster.

But what is Eberle's ceiling? In 2011-12, he rang up a career-high 34 goals and 76 points in 78 games, establishing a benchmark as a sophomore that Edmonton fans hoped would be the norm. However, Eberle really shot the lights out that year — his shooting percentage was nearly 19 per cent and that's not sustainable.

In the past two seasons, he's shot around 12 per cent and the offence hasn't come so easily.

For the time being, it appears as though Eberle's production will be in the high 60s in any given year, barring missed time. That's not the end of the world when you consider the 23-year-old is also competent in his own end.

While plus-minus is not the trusted stat it once was ("fancy stats" such as CORSI have greater sample sizes and are therefore thought

to be more accurate), it can still be illuminating in the proper context. For example, this season Eberle is minus-3, but on a team where fellow offensive forwards are doing much worse. Just look at Nail Yakupov (minus-15), Ales Hemsky (minus-12) and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins (minus-12).

Similarly, Eberle was a plus-4 during his breakout sophomore campaign when many of his older teammates had double-digit minus ratings. Looking at CORSI (all shots directed at the enemy's net versus your own, including blocked and missed shots), Eberle trails only David Perron among the team's regular forwards at -0.32. That in itself should tell you how much the Oilers have struggled, but at least Eberle is doing his part.

MLB

New criticism of Selig added to A-Rod's lawsuit

Alex Rodriguez's lawyers updated his lawsuit against Major League Baseball and Bud Selig, adding new criticism of the commissioner for not testifying in the union's grievance to overturn the 211-game suspension given to the Yankees star. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Showing his stripes. QB wants to stay with Ticats

If Henry Burris has his way, he will be the starting quarterback to lead the Hamilton Tiger-Cats back to the Grey Cup next year.

Burris, 38, becomes a free agent in the off-season after two seasons with the Ticats. He says he wants to stay in Steeltown and play at the new Tim Hortons Field stadium that is planned to open next season.

"I want to be back here," he said. "We've had a great run. I still feel like I can get it done."

He showed he could still get it done this season, leading the league with 4,925 passing yards. He completed 373 of 567 pass attempts for 24 touchdowns and 19 interceptions.

Hamilton lost to Saskatchewan 45-23 in Sunday's Grey Cup. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hall of Fame. Maddux headlines new hopefuls

Four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux, two-time winner Tom Glavine and two-time AL MVP Frank Thomas are among 19 newcomers on this year's Hall of Fame ballot, joining steroid-tainted holdovers Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

Ballots are due by Dec. 31, and results will be announced Jan. 8. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Greg Maddux. GETTY IMAGES FILE

4 SPORTS

Seahawks hit with another suspension

NFL

Cornerback Thurmond becomes the 6th Seattle player to serve ban for substance-abuse or PED violation since 2011

Back from their bye week, with the best record in the NFL and heading into a Monday night showdown with the Saints, Pete Carroll and the Seattle Seahawks spent Tuesday dealing with the kinds of distractions they believed were over.

Instead, the Seahawks are adding to the list of player suspensions they've faced since Carroll took over in 2010.

"We're still trying to work through it. I'll say it again, I've always found myself looking for guys that maybe other people don't see something special in and we take a chance on a guy here or there



Cornerback Walter Thurmond

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that needs some extra consideration and care," Carroll said. "And sometimes guys — they have issues and things pop up but I've always been kind of hopeful and make guys find the best in them and bring it out. Sometimes it works out and sometimes it

doesn't. We'll certainly hang with our guys and take care of them."

Starting cornerback Walter Thurmond was officially suspended Tuesday by the NFL for the team's next four games for violating the league's substance abuse policy, leaving the Seahawks short-handed going into Monday's matchup against New Orleans.

Thurmond will be eligible to return to the active roster on Monday, Dec. 23, before the final game of the regular season, but his absence leaves a hole in a secondary that was previously missing starting cornerback Brandon Browner because of a groin injury.

Thurmond is the sixth Seattle player officially suspended for substance-abuse or performance-enhancing drugs violations by the league since 2011. That doesn't include Richard Sherman, whose suspension was overturned on appeal late last season.

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Roughriders roll through Regina with Grey Cup

Saskatchewan head coach Corey Chamblin poses with the Grey Cup during the Roughriders' championship parade through Regina on Tuesday afternoon. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MLB

Cano, Yankees meet in New York

Representatives for free-agent second baseman Robinson Cano met Tuesday with the New York Yankees, and the gap between the sides remains wide, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized. The person said the sides may meet again Wednesday.

Cano was represented by Brodie Van Wagenen of CAA Baseball and Juan Perez of Roc Nation Sports. Jay-Z, whose Roc Nation has partnered with CAA Baseball to represent Cano, did not attend.

Yankees President Randy Levine and general manager Brian Cashman were there for the team.

Cano, a five-time all-star, was not at the session. His agents asked earlier this year for a 10-year deal worth in excess of a record \$300 million.

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NBA

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	24	16	6	2	68	46	34
Tampa Bay	24	15	8	1	72	61	31
Toronto	24	14	9	1	66	60	29
Detroit	25	11	7	7	63	70	29
Montreal	24	13	9	2	64	51	28
Ottawa	24	9	11	4	68	77	22
Florida	25	7	13	5	56	81	21
Buffalo	25	5	19	1	44	79	11

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	25	15	9	1	72	58	31
Washington	24	12	10	2	72	68	26
NY Rangers	24	12	12	0	48	59	24
New Jersey	24	9	10	5	50	58	24
Carolina	24	9	10	5	49	67	23
Philadelphia	23	10	11	2	50	56	22
Columbus	24	9	12	3	62	71	21
NY Islanders	24	8	13	3	68	82	19

Tuesday's result

Dallas 6 Anaheim 3

Mondays results

Winnipeg at New Jersey 1

Boston 4 Pittsburgh 3 (OT)

Columbus 6 Toronto 0

Florida 3 Philadelphia 1

Tampa Bay 5 NY Rangers 0

Nashville 4 Phoenix 2

St. Louis 3 Minnesota 0

Chicago 5 Edmonton 1

Los Angeles 3 Vancouver 2 (OT)

Wednesday's result

Dallas 6 Anaheim 3

Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.

Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

NY Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.

Memphis at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Houston, 8 p.m.

Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 7

Sporting KC vs. Real Salt Lake, 4 p.m.

In tune for winter

When it comes to vehicles and driving, the cold weather can wreak havoc, especially if you aren't prepared for it.

As a result, it's a good idea to take a look at our vehicle and ensure that it's in tip-top condition to tackle winter's worst. A good approach is to make a checklist of what needs to be done.

1 Winter tires. Unlike all seasons, winter tires are specifically designed to perform best in low temperatures. A general rule of thumb is once the temperature drops below 7°C you should switch to winter rubber from all-season. Another tip is to mount them on a set of steel winter rims. Not only will this protect your original factory rims, it saves time when changing over your tires, saves money (since you won't have to have the tires mounted and removed from the rims each time) and prevents the beads on the tires from being stretched or damaged.

2 Brakes. Inspect the brakes when changing to winter tires and replace the pads, rotors and/or shoes. It's also a good idea to bleed the brake system every two years to prevent moisture buildup, which causes internal corrosion, results in a spongy pedal feel, increases braking distances and places additional strain on the system.

3 Fluids. Checking your fluids and replacing them is vital to ensure maximum reliability and longevity. Colder temperatures bring higher demands on your vehicle's powertrain, so make a conscious effort to inspect and change your oil, transmission



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fluid, power steering fluid, anti-freeze and differential oil. For antifreeze, make sure you use a 50/50 mix of water and ethylene glycol.

4 Belts and hoses. If the vehicle was bought used and you don't know when the last time they were replaced, you should change them anyway — it's cheap insurance. If your vehicle has one, it's also a good idea to have the timing belt replaced, especially if the car is more than five years old and has been driven more than 150,000 kilometres.

5 Battery test. There is nothing worse than being stranded on the side of the road in winter with a dead battery, so make testing yours part of the pre-winter inspection.

6 Underneath inspection. It's a good idea to inspect

the underside of your vehicle for signs of corrosion on the floor plans, chassis rails, suspension attachment points and the fuel and brake lines.

7 Rustproofing. An annual application, best performed each spring, will add years to the life of your car and improve its resale value.

8 Additional considerations. Check to see that the vehicle's exterior lighting system is in good working order, while installing fresh wiper blades will help improve visibility. Also, try to have at least one full jug of winter washer fluid in the vehicle at all times. And put together an emergency kit that includes a shovel, flashlight, blankets, dry food, fluid to drink, a winter jacket, boots, hat, gloves and scarf.

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Take the necessary precautions before you head out on the roads during the winter. NEWS CANADA

Travel. Take your time on the roads

No matter where you intend to drive this winter, take your time getting there and be prepared for an unplanned roadside stop, says Western Canada's largest network of insurance brokers.

From coast to coast, winter brings an increase in accident claims, adds Denise Lang, regional vice-president at Western Financial Group, a company providing car, property, and life insurance to more than 790,000 customers. Whether it's driving in heavy rain during the darker days, a trip up to the cold climates of a local ski hill, or getting to work on a snowy

day, the winter season spells trouble for motorists.

"The number of accidents goes up in the winter, especially after the first snowfall, which typically accounts for the highest number of collisions," Lang said.

On average, customer claims can go up more than a third during the winter months compared to the rest of the year, according to industry data.

However, there are some simple steps to avoid a winter collision during subpar driving conditions, Lang said. Some of her top tips include — increase your following

distance; focus your attention as far ahead as possible to anticipate lane changes, turns and curves; avoid passing other vehicles; slow down; and allow extra time to get to your destination.

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2014 BMW 4-Series



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Review. Sometimes you need to break away to really come into your own

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It's a breakup of a different sort. BMW's newest two-door model has separated from its former 3 Series sedan counterpart, changed its name, undergone a major facelift and emerged as one of the more attractive models in the automaker's lineup.

The 4 Series represents part of BMW's master strategy of re-branding the coupe and convertible lineup using even-number nomenclature exclusively (2, 4 and 6), while the sedan range sticks with odd numbers (3, 5 and 7).

For the 2015 model year the current 1 Series vehicles will be rebooted as 2 Series coupes and convertibles. The newly christened 4 Series appears to have strayed only slightly from the previous 3 Series, but is a bit wider and longer.

The changes that have occurred in the 4-Series lower the car's centre of gravity and, along with a number of structural and suspension adjustments specific to it, are aimed at providing a more sporting experience along with creating a sharper personal-luxury image.

Don't look for any dramatic changes when it comes to the 4 Series powertrains that are already in use in a number of BMWs. The 428i uses a turbo-

charged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that cranks out 241 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque.

Moving up to the 435i puts you in control of a 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine that generates 300 horsepower and 300 pound-feet of torque. By BMW's stopwatch, the 428i will propel the coupe to 60 mph in 6.0 seconds, while the stronger 435i gets it done in 5.3 seconds. To help conserve fuel, there's a standard stop/start function that shuts off the engine when the car is stopped, which of course saves fuel.

An eight-speed automatic is the base choice with either engine, but you can swap it out for a six-speed manual gearbox, should you be so inclined. You can also equip each edition with BMW's x-Drive all-wheel-drive option that's probably a wise move in this country where winter is a fact of life.

From the driver and front passenger's perspective there's little to differentiate the 4 Series Coupe from its former sedan mate. The controls and switches are legible to a fault and convey a keen sense of quality.

Both front and rear-seat riders (there's room for just two in the split-folding back seat) sit on standard Sensatec (faux leather) upholstery and have ample views out the generously sized front and side windows. That's in sharp contrast to cars such as the Audi TT coupe.

Selecting a base 428i will set you back \$47,000 (\$57,000 for the 435i) and includes premium items such as climate

2014 BMW 4-Series

Type. Two-door, rear-/all-wheel-drive four-passenger coupe

Engines (hp). 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (241); 3.0-litre DOHC I6, turbocharged (300)

Transmissions. Eight-speed automatic; six-speed manual (opt.)

Base price (incl. destination). \$47,000

Design

Compared to the 3 Series sedan, the roofline is lower by about five centimetres and the ride height has been reduced by about 1.5 centimetres. The fenders also bulge more than the sedan's, and the space between the front and rear axles has increased a bit

Optional add-ons

Following those choices there are a number of available packages that feature items such as a navigation, sport suspension, heated front seats and steering wheel, automatic high beams, rearview camera and a head-up display that projects speed, fuel and direction info onto the windshield.



The interior is colour co-ordinated, futuristic and aesthetically pleasing.

control with memory settings, power moonroof, eight-way power front seats, rain-sensing wipers and run-flat tires, which gets rid of a traditional spare.

However, that's just the warm-up. Each model can be upgraded with Luxury Line, Sport Line and M Sport trims, with the latter including an aerodynamic body kit, sporty 18-inch wheels (17-inchers are standard) and well-bolstered sport seats covered in pre-

mium leather.

Historically, BMW purchasers have had no problem adding these and other extra-cost toppings (even selecting metallic paint is optional) and that will likely hold true with the sleek and sassy 4 Series coupe and soon-to-follow hardtop convertible. After all, combining significant luxury, performance and style is what really makes sets these cars and their owners apart.

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2014 Corvette Stingray



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2014 Corvette Stingray

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive coupe/roadster
- **Engine (hp).** 6.2-litre OHV V8 (455)
- **Transmissions.** Seven-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$54,450

Market position

The Corvette makes economic mincemeat out of the competition, excelling in design and total performance. A more sophisticated presence simply adds to the sports car's desirability.



Engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov and the first Sting Ray for 1963. The name is the only bit of nostalgia that makes it to the new car.

Dream car. It's been 50 years since there was this much excitement over a new Corvette

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Obviously, nothing becomes iconic overnight. It's a term that has to be earned, and the six-decade-old Chevrolet Corvette is deserving of that status and more.

The seventh-generation 2014 'Vette (few multi-syllable cars become as well-known for their abbreviated handles as for their proper names) maintains its brand mystique. In fact, adding the Stingray appellation is an acknowledgement that history and heritage are as im-

portant to the Corvette as its modern-day looks, advanced high-tech content and sizzling performance.

From any angle, the 2014 Stingray — Sting Ray was first used for the artful "split-window" 1963 'Vette — is all Corvette, all the time. The wedge-shaped body and grinning grille are symbolic of previous editions, yet most of the car is completely new.

The front fenders and hood (the latter made from carbon fibre) are dramatically shaped and the coupe's removable carbon-fibre top accentuates a more angular hatchback opening. Then there are the air-intake and heat-extraction vents on the hood, sides and atop the rear fenders that aren't just for show. And at long last, the Corvette's designers have fashioned a breathtaking rump,

including an integrated spoiler, non-round taillights and quad exhaust-pipe outlets.

The sensational convertible is not merely a coupe without a roof, but a highly detailed sculpture that carries shapes and themes from the body to the interior and back. The soft top can be lowered remotely using the key fob and at vehicle speeds up to 50 km/h.

The dashing cockpit is therefore the design equal to the exterior, which is something the 'Vette faithful have waited a long time to see. Available carbon fibre, aluminum, suede and stitched leather trim is used, the steering-wheel diameter is reduced and the magnesium-framed seats are built for comfort as much as for support. The effect is dramatic and world-class all at once.

Equally dramatic are the

Stingray's new bones. The stiffer chassis uses weight-reducing aluminum that's about 45 kilograms lighter than the previous steel structure (the Z06 model was aluminum, however), although total vehicle weight has increased by the same amount. It's also stronger, which means the convertible body requires no additional bracing and thus weighs about the same as the coupe.

Under the hood is a newly designed 6.2-litre LT1 V8 worth 455 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque. The previous 6.2 was rated at 430/424.

Direct fuel injection (new for Chevy V8 engines) and variable valve timing are key to the extra power with Chevrolet saying that the torque rating actually comes close to that of the larger 7.0-litre V8 found in the previous Z06 Corvette.

Points

Dramatic restyle controversial in some quarters, but should be lauded by most 'Vette fans; amazing power and fuel economy without fancy overhead cam layout; stunning interior update; sophisticated variable powertrain and suspension settings range from thrifty to track ready.

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Funny how used market can set new car prices

Key factor. Automakers releasing a new model will refer to amount of secondhand vehicles available before putting price tag on it

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There are numerous factors that go into the price of a new car, including how much it costs to build it, how many options it has, and if it's imported, the rate of currency exchange.

But there's also an important consideration that you may not realize: the number of used cars that will be on the market when that new model goes on sale.

"New-vehicle prices have come down in recent years, and are actually below where they were in 2007," says Carlos Gomes, senior economist and auto industry specialist for Scotiabank.



Used car prices will affect the price of brand new vehicles. JIL MCINTOSH

"You'll start to see a change next year, and used cars are the key."

Used cars affect the price of new cars—and their

price, in turn, is generally determined by how many there are available. The prime age is around four years old, when they're still

new enough to appeal to most buyers in the secondary market, and when many of them are coming off leases. When there are fewer of

these used vehicles available and demand for them is high, sellers can ask more money for them.

"Prior to the economic downturn of 2008 and 2009, we used to have around 600,000 vehicles that were leased annually," Gomes says. "That virtually collapsed and has been slow to recover, and as a result, we're having a very significant shortage of used vehicles."

When used-car prices are high, and therefore closer to the cost of a brand-new car, many buyers are likely to spend a little extra to get the new one.

Manufacturers try to keep the difference as small as possible, either by setting lower prices or by offering incentives, so that buyers will choose the new model.

The automakers continually monitor annual car sales and leases, which gives them some idea of how many vehicles will enter the resale market in the future, and how that number will affect the price of used vehicles overall.

"Vehicle affordability

The raw numbers

- **2013.** Canadians will buy approximately 1.73 million new vehicles in 2013.

- **Imports.** Canada normally imports between 150,000 and 200,000 used vehicles from the U.S. each year, but that number has dropped due to very low new-vehicle sales following the 2008 economic crash.

- **Downturn consequences.** Because of poor sales following the economic downturn, only some 6.5 per cent of all cars currently on the road in Canada are four years old.

is at one of the best levels ever, so it's a great time to buy a vehicle," Gomes says. "However, keep in mind that improved emissions technologies will start to be phased into vehicle prices as well, so expect that the trend of low prices on new cars is likely not here to stay."

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In-car gadgetry tech-ing time to settle

Problems. Complaints coming from all major demographics unhappy with infotainment and connectivity within their vehicles



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Vehicles are turning into smart phones and that's having a profound effect on vehicle interiors, and in many cases, the driver's dissatisfaction with such interiors.

And the complaints are not just coming from grumpy old men who would rather trowel grout than tweet.

According to consumer research conducted by J.D. Power and Associates, all major demographic bulges (boomers, Gen X, Gen Y), are having issues with the quality and design of some of the connectivity and infotainment systems in today's vehicles. In fact, the younger generations are harder to please because they self-identify as tech-savvy, multi-tasking experts and expect instant action and satisfaction with all of their techie devices.



The 2015 Audi A3 Sedan is a WiFi hot spot and will be the first to offer 4G LTE service inside a vehicle. PHOTO: AUDI

CORRECTION NOTICE

The Jeep Sales Event ad appearing in the November 27th issue of this newspaper incorrectly states that the 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT with optional equipment shown has a price of \$48,315. The correct price for the 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee with optional equipment shown is \$64,690. We are sorry for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

It's a case of, "we like all the technology, but it's not working as brilliantly and easily as advertised." And we really want these things to work, because we're spending more and more time in our vehicles.

Mike VanNieuwkuyl, Executive Director, Global Quality Practice, J.D. Power, recently held fourth on this "in-car experience" topic at the 2013 TalkAUTO conference in Toronto, and noted that, these days, more malfunctions are happening in the navigation and infotainment areas than anywhere else on the vehicle.

In addition to outright malfunctions, his firm also identified a large source of irritants that is more related to bad design than it is to things breaking down. One irritant group was characterized as "soft inadequacies, where needs are addressed but not as preferred" (I only wish I made that up). Another irritant group is tech stuff that is just misaligned with expectations.

A lot of voice command issues fall into these two groups. VanNieuwkuyl said customers complain about the technology profusely, but rank it only second to "touch screen" as the preferred way to control their navigation systems: "Even though many think voice command is terrible, they still want it," said

VanNieuwkuyl. "They're waiting for someone to do it right."

After VanNieuwkuyl's report, several automobile dealers assembled on stage to discuss current and various automotive industry trends from their perspective, and it was soon apparent that dealerships are finding themselves on the sharp end of the stick, when it comes to custom-

ers' frustrations and learning curves with in-car technologies. Even though they didn't say it outright, you got the sense they felt the automakers weren't doing their share, in educating their customers on how all these complex systems work.

But the dealers had some really good ideas about how to deliver some of the training

and information customers need. Because there is just not enough time to demonstrate how everything works when customers take their cars home for the first time, they had to get creative. One dealer conducts a "second delivery" right at the customer's home. Another encourages salespeople to stay in touch with customers 24/7 via smart phones. Another

thought that owner manuals should be converted to a series of short videos, which could be uploaded to youtube or available as smart phone apps. Another dealer was contemplating something like the Apple Genius Bar.

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Let the wrap artists pimp your ride

Autoknow. An alternative to paint makes the impossible possible and just peels off when you want to make a change

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From iridescent or glow-in-the-dark colours, to leopard-skin or zebra-stripe designs, vehicle wraps are changing the way folks with an eye for flair and a few bucks to spend are customizing their rides, all in an effort to make a bold statement with their head-turning ideas.

Unique styling options include the friendly clown-fish design from the Disney movie Finding Nemo, while others like the famous flames from the old Matchbox cars take a more macho approach.

Whatever your fancy or design agenda, the changing age of modern vehicle artistry is evolving from the old-school and expensive paint job to the more creative and relatively affordable full-body vinyl wrap.

Whether for advertising or for nothing more than personal preference, Bernie Michaud, president of INCOLOR, Inc., (incolor.ca) explains that vinyl wraps are quickly becoming the design option of choice for business and vehicle owners who crave visibility, with some flexibility. "Instead of paying for an \$8,000 paint job, you can do a wrap for about half of that," said Michaud. "And if you decide after a few years you want a different style, it's easy to remove (the wrap) and change it out."

Through advanced computer design and printing, the average car owner can add an intricate pattern, a personalized portrait or a scenic look to their vehicle that would be nearly impossible to paint or outrageously expensive to try.

Colours? Chrome, carbon fibre, lime-green, camouflage; feel free to use the imagination. A flat or glossy paint look, a combination of the two? Again, there are no boundaries to these designs.

"It's mind-boggling the things you can do now with all the creative options the vinyl wraps offer," Michaud says. "There are tons of advantages going this route, and it's becoming more popular all the time."

Michaud said that the improving technology and durability for these vinyl



A heat gun stretches the wrap into tight areas so it will conform to the surface of the vehicle, then the excess is trimmed away.



Taste notwithstanding, this complicated pattern would cost a fortune to paint on a vehicle. With a wrap it doesn't matter whether it's a solid colour or a weird 'camo-maro' pattern as the material cost is the same per square foot.

Quoted

"It gives protection from UV-rays, acid rain, light scratches. These give you great paint protection. It protects your investment and helps the vehicle hold its resale value."

Bernie Michaud, president of INCOLOR, Inc.

vehicle wraps hasn't stopped moving in the five years his shop has offered the service.

From more-durable vinyl, to a growing catalog of vehicle templates, to longer-lasting ink, Michaud called the wrap business a "canvas on wheels" and a "rolling billboard."

Vehicle wrapping has become so sophisticated, do-it-yourself websites such as custom-car-wraps.com and superwraps.com offer the creative freedom to design a personalized look through a list of drop down menus with colour and pattern choices.

And while customization is a great touch to individual styling, Michaud says that the greatest advantage to the vehicle wrap over the traditional paint job, believe it or not, is defence against the elements.

"It gives protection from UV-rays, acid rain, light scratches . . . These give you great paint protection. It protects your investment and helps the vehicle hold its resale value."

And business and vehicle owners are taking notice. We've all seen the pink Mary Kay Cadillacs rolling around town? They're now "pink wrapped" instead of painted so when their cosmetic career

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reaches the end of the road, the vinyl shell can be easily removed to unveil a more desirable silver or grey paint scheme underneath.

If done professionally, the wrapping process is relatively simple. There are basically two methods: partial; and full body. A partial wrap will "decorate" only a specific area of the vehicle, such as the hood and/or the doors. This cost-cutting approach is typically used for advertising with company logos, graphics and colours with the vehicle's existing paintjob as the colour background.

Full-body wraps are just that; a bumper-to-bumper design that covers the entire body of the vehicle and gives it an entirely new look.

Wraps are also being used more on back windows with a special kind of perforated vinyl that allows the driver to see out, but shows only the design from the outside looking in.

"This is a fast-growing busi-

ness and I truly don't see any negatives," Michaud said. "We have only been doing this for about four or five years and the material has already gotten so much better."

Five-year warranties that protect against peeling and bubbling are fairly standard in the wrap business but Michaud said that if properly installed, the lifespan can stretch to about 10 years. The ink on logos and graphics tends to fade some before that, especially in sunny and harsher climates.

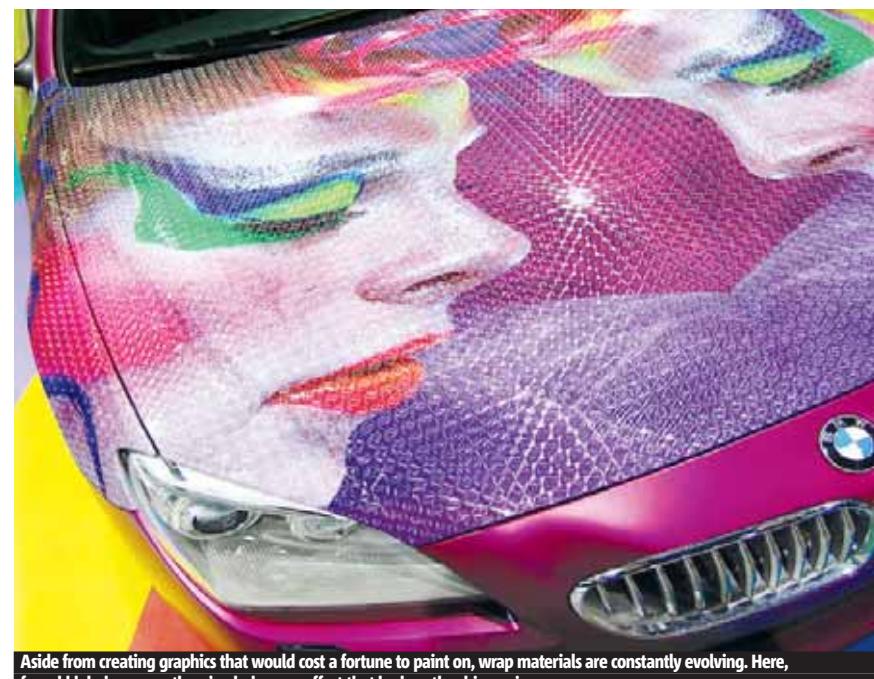
As a word of warning for those interested in a vehicle wrap, Michaud says to never install one that hasn't been coated with a laminate to help protect the ink from quick fading.

And cost? A good estimate is from \$7 to \$8.50 per square foot for the digitally designed wrap with lamination, and the professional install costs about \$2.50 to \$3 per square foot.

All tallied, a full-body wrap for a full-size van will run about \$4,000, a pickup truck about \$3,500 and a standard passenger car about \$3,000. But given the advertising visibility and advantages, Michaud said these wraps pay for themselves many times over.

"You get so much more advertising bang for your dollar," he said.

So whether it's to showcase your hotrod or to promote your retail business, the vinyl wrap is finding a tight fit on its place in vehicle design.



Aside from creating graphics that would cost a fortune to paint on, wrap materials are constantly evolving. Here, from kklabelusa.com, there's a hologram effect that looks rather bizarre in person. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Your critical thinking may not be as sharp as it usually is, so be careful what you allow yourself to believe. There are a lot of strange ideas in the world. You also started a few.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Quick decisions are not always good and the planets warn that you should reserve judgment on important issues unless you are absolutely sure of your stance. Even then, err on the side of caution.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Stop worrying about things over which you have no control. As the Sun moves through your opposite sign, there are a lot of things others say and do that you cannot influence. It's no big deal.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You could find yourself at a loose end today, uncertain of your next move. Who says you have to move at all? Why not let life come to you for a change. You don't have to be a go-getter all the time.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It may be tempting to take a risk today but the planets warn you will most likely regret it. There is only one thing you can be sure of at the moment and that is you cannot really be sure of anything.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you are smart, you will fight the impulse to take a shortcut. If you try to cut corners, you will be asking for trouble and trouble is not the kind of guest to turn down an invitation.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You need realize that some kind of scheme is not in the least bit practical. It may be a blow to your ego but there are other useful things you could be doing with your time.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you poke your nose into a friend's personal issues you will get no thanks for it at all, no matter how well-intentioned or useful your advice may be. Some people need to learn from their own mistakes.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There are changes taking place in your life and almost all of them are good, so go with the flow and don't be scared to move in a direction you have not been before.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

There are so many interesting things going on in the world around you that you won't be able to focus on one thing for any length of time. That's OK. Variety is needed to get your creative juices flowing.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Nothing in life stays the same for long so if something (or someone) goes out of your life over the next 24 hours, bid it a fond farewell and start looking for something better to replace it.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

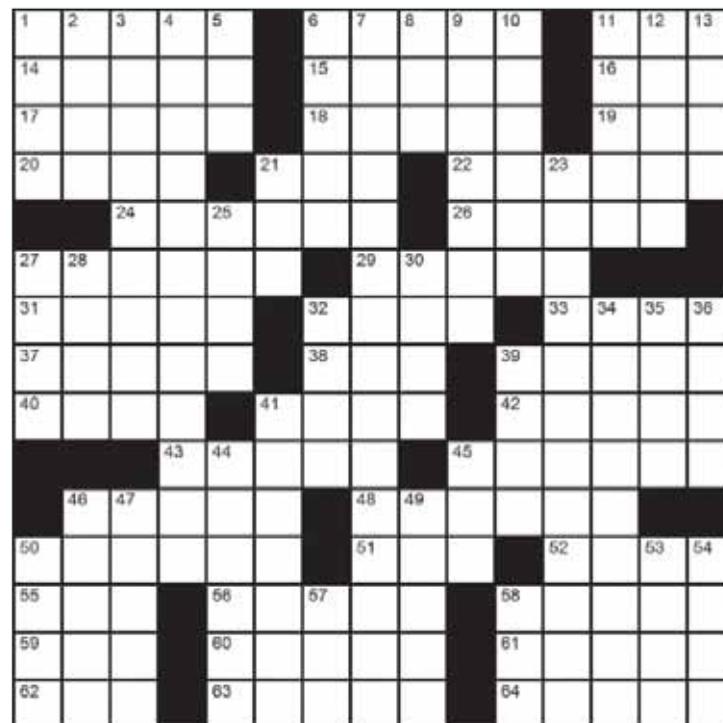
Work-related matters must be handled with care, especially if you are one of those Pisceans who tends to be a bit reckless in your attitude towards people in positions of power.

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- Perish
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- Way out there
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- Drenched: 2 wds.
- Ballottings
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- Siestas
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- Do the tango
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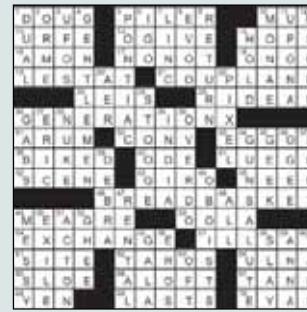


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- Saran ___
- Keyboard key
- Country classic: "By the ___ Get to Phoenix"
- LED = Light-Emitting ___
- Plum part
- Put on ___ (Fake it)
- ___ in the air (That's still uncertain)
- Ski hill machine, ___-Cat
- Big bags
- Sailing: 2 wds.

- Chef Emeril Lagasse's sounds!
- Classic comic strip, ___ the Agent
- Dermatology: Type of injectable filler
- Functional landmark in Halifax since 1803: 3 wds.
- Modern
- 1963 The Kingsmen hit, when doubled
- Calgary Tower's dazzling rotating feature: 2 wds.
- Fasten
- Some spouts spots
- Guarantee
- 1921: Greek island

- where Prince Philip was born
- Expect
- Sean of movies
- Banned pesticide
- Canadian hockey play-by-play broadcasting legend, b.1902 - d.1985: 2 wds.
- Reality star Ms. Leakes
- Canadian shoe store
- Shakespeare tragedy, King ___
- Selects
- Mr. Wyle
- Seabird
- Vitalities
- "Knight Rider" car
- Actor/rapper, Snoop ___
- Endurance
- Lariats
- Title in Turkey
- Reddish-rose dye
- ___ knife
- Segments
- Slangy positives
- ___ (Together, in music)
- "Shoop" by Salt-n-___
- Fleetwood ___
- Wee width

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	2	5	1	9	3	7	4	6
4	3	1	5	6	7	2	9	8
6	7	9	8	2	4	5	1	3
7	5	4	2	3	8	9	6	1
2	1	8	9	5	6	3	7	4
9	6	3	4	7	1	8	2	5
1	4	7	3	8	2	6	5	9
5	8	2	6	1	9	4	3	7
3	9	6	7	4	5	1	8	2

1			2	
5				4
8	7	9	6	4
2				1
5				5
2	4	8	3	
5				4
4	6	7	8	
6	8	1	9	3
7				5
9			7	7
6	8	1	9	3
7				5
9			9	7
4				4

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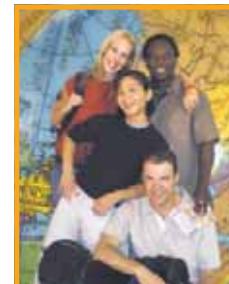
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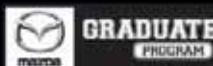


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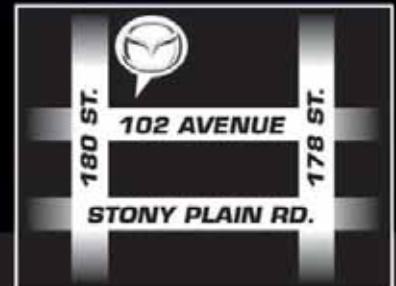


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